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### **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 18, and 21 are hereby amended. Claims 20 and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The amendment of claim 1 is supported, for example, by page 15, lines 3-6. Amendments of claims 18 and 21 are supported by the subject matter of claims 20 and 23, respectively, and page 15, lines 3-6.

Claims 1-7 and 10-23 were rejected as being anticipated by JP 4-61637. Applicants traverse this rejection. JP 4-61637 does not disclose or suggest an optical information processing device including a condensing lens that focuses a plurality of lights separated by a filter portion with approximately the same light spot diameters on a same point for multi-wavelength recording, as required by claim 1. See Figure 2. The advantage of focusing on the same point is significant reduction in recording power consumption. The optical information processing device of claim 1 allows recording to be carried out with respect to a recording layer at an overlapped portion of two lights. When the two lights overlap at the same point, recording can be performed without loss of optical power, thereby significantly reducing recording power consumption.

Further, JP 4-61637 does not disclose or suggest a recording medium having a multilayer structure that records information using light, wherein information is recorded by a change of an optical characteristic only when two lights are focused with approximately the same light spot diameters on a same point, as required by claims 18 and 21. Rather, JP 4-61637 teaches thermal recording that is performed using absorption of lights of two wavelengths at a recording surface. In such a case, when recording is carried out with respect to a deep layer of a multilayer structure, light is absorbed by other layers before reaching the deep layer. Therefore, recording power has to be significantly increased. In contrast, with respect to the recording mediums of claims 18 and 21, recording can be conducted with respect to a multilayer structure by using a material that is transparent with respect to two lights.

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Favorable reconsideration of claims 1-7, 10-19, 21, and 22 is requested.

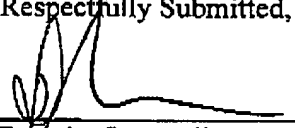
Claim 8 was rejected as being unpatentable over JP 4-61637 in view of Takahashi (US 6,480,455). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claim 8 should be considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, from which it depends. Takahashi does not remedy the deficiencies of JP 4-61637, as previously noted. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection as applied to the rejected claim. Favorable reconsideration of claim 8 is requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Respectfully Submitted,

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